## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE WASHINGTON, DC

## **FSIS NOTICE**

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## CLARIFICATION OF REINSPECTION PROCEDURES FOR PRODUCT PRESENTED FOR EXPORT AT OFFICIAL ESTABLISHMENTS

The purpose of this notice is to clarify the re-inspection procedures that inspection program personnel are to employ in official establishments before issuing export certificates.

In official establishments <u>only</u>, because inspection program personnel have knowledge and an awareness of the establishment's procedures for ensuring the safety, wholesomeness, and accurate labeling of product presented for export, inspection program personnel <u>are not required</u> to conduct specific re-inspection of product that was produced and packed in that official establishment prior to signing the Application for Export Certificate unless they have a reason to question the soundness of the product. Products that are produced and exported from the same official establishment are subject to ongoing verification activities (e.g., verification of other consumer protection practices, sanitation performance checks) as part of the daily responsibilities of inspection program personnel. Since these are random events (scheduled or unscheduled in the Performance Based Inspection System (PBIS)), it is more efficient for inspection program personnel to perform the re-inspection procedures as part of their daily inspection activities.

Inspection program personnel are to continue to follow the directions provided in FSIS Directive 9000.1, Revision 1, Export Certification and FSIS Directive 9040.1, Revision 3, Re-inspection of Product Intended for Export. In accordance with FSIS Directive 9000.1, inspection program personnel are to ensure that the export certificate FSIS Form 9060-5 contains the date the export certificate is actually signed.

Direct questions to the Technical Service Center at 1-800-233-3935.

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